

SENATE BILL 557

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 27, relative to executive clemency and to enact the "Victims of Crime Executive Clemency Notification Act."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 27, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

40-27-110.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Victims of Crime Executive Clemency Notification Act."

(b) At least ten (10) days prior to any reprieve, commutation, pardon, exoneration, or any other form of executive clemency being made public, the governor shall notify or cause to be notified the attorney general and reporter and the district attorney general of the judicial district in which the conviction occurred of the impending clemency action.

(c)

(1) Prior to notice of the clemency action being made public, the district attorney general, through the victim-witness coordinator, shall notify the victim or victims of the offense for which the person is receiving clemency, or the victim's representative, of the impending grant of clemency.

(2) Any notice required to be provided to the victim or victim's representative by this section shall be mailed to the last known address of the victim or victim representative. It is the responsibility of the victim or

victim's representative to provide the district attorney general's office a  
current mailing address.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.